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*** 4 2 5 D X N E W S ***
**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 3B - Slavo, SP2JMB reports he will operate mostly CW as 3B9/SP2JMB from Rodrigues (AF-017) on 1-8 April and 3B8/SP2JMB from Mauritius (AF-049) on 9-24 April.
- 5T - Rich/DK8YY, Oli/DL2ARD, Rene/DL2JRM, Ralf/DL3JJ, Ingolf/DL4JS, Dan/DL5SE and Andi/DL7ZZ will be active from Nouakchott, Mauritania on 15-30 March, CQ WW WPX SSB Contest included. QSL via DH7WW, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at <http://www.5t2008.de>
- 6W - Six members of SSRA, Southwest Scania Radioamateurs (namely Ronnie/SM7DKF, Goran/SM7DLK, Mats/SM7DXQ, Christer/SM7KJH, Tore/SM7MPM and Michael/SM7TGA) will be active as 6V7I from Senegal on 6-12 April. They will operate from the QTH of 6W7RV and activity is planned on 10-160 metres SSB and CW with two stations equipped with one amplifier, monoband yagis for 10, 15 and 20 metres and a Titanex vertical for the other bands. QSL via SM7DXQ. [TNX SM7MPM]
- 6Y - Frank, K3TRM will be active again from Jamaica (NA-097) on 14-23 March. He will operate as K3TRM/6Y5 on 80-10 metres SSB, CW, and RTTY, and he has also received permission to operate on 60 metres for the first time from Jamaica. QSL via my home call, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. Additional information is available at <http://www.k3trm.com/> [TNX K3TRM]
- 9M6 - John, 9M6XRO, and Steve, 9M6DXX will operate as 9M6XRO/P (CW and RTTY) and 9M6DXX/P (SSB) from Labuan Island (OC-133) on 16-17 March, with a high-power station and antennas close to the ocean. The antennas are a Butternut HF6V for 10-80 metres, a dipole for 17m and an inverted-L with 42ft vertical section for 80m. QSL 9M6XRO/P via M5AAV, direct or bureau. QSL 9M6DXX/P either via M5AAV (direct or bureau) or direct to Steve Telenius-Lowe, WDT 527, 88905 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia. [TNX 9M6DXX]
- 9M6_spr - Ed, N1UR and Christine, KB1PQN confirm they will be active from Layang Layang, Spratly Islands (AS-051) in a couple of weeks [425DXN 865]. They will be using 9M6/N1UR for both stations, and activity will begin approximately at 8 UTC on 22 March until around 00.00 UTC on the 30th. Although "with a small crew and light equipment", they say, this operation "will be a serious one", and will focus "on the most needed bands in North America and Europe". There will be a station on 160 or 80 metres CW from 10.30-13.00 UTC and 21-23 UTC daily. Donations to help defray the significant extra baggage charges will be gratefully accepted. QSL via K2RET. The web site for the operation is at <http://www.nlurspratly.com/> [TNX N1UR]
- 9X - 9X0R will be active from Rwanda on 16-27 March [425DXN 873]. A large group of operators (namely Roberto/EA2RY, Gerard/EA3EXV, Manuel/EA4DRV, Ruben/EA5BZ, Javi/EA5KM, Toni/EA5RM, Manuel/EA7AJR, Javi/EC4DX, Bernard/F9IE, Gianfranco/I0ZY, Massimo/I8NHJ,

Fabrizio/IN3ZNR and Dimitri/UY7CW) plans to operate with at least three stations at the same on different bands and modes on the following announced frequencies:

CW	28024	24894	21024	18074	14024	10104	7004	3504	1824
SSB	28495	24945	21295	18145	14195	-	7065	3795	1845
RTTY	28080	24920	21080	18100	14080	10140	7035	-	-

QSL via EA5RM. Further information, on-line logs included, can be found at <http://www.9x0r.com/>

- BV - BV8BC, BV8BQ, BV8SE and BX8AD will be active as BV90 from Orchid Island (AS-155) on 28-31 March. QSL via BV8BC. [TNX BV8BC]
- CO - Lazaro/CO2WL, Gamboa/CO3VK, Jorge/CO3LF, Sandor/CO7SF, Josue/CO7RR and Gerardo/CO7GG will be active as T47C from Cayo Romano (NA-086) on 24-27 April. They plan to operate CW (1830, 3505, 7010, 10110, 14020, 18070, 21010, 24895 and 28020 kHz), SSB (1850, 3720, 7050, 14200, 18145, 21250, 24940 and 28490 kHz) and RTTY (7035, 14080, 18100 and 21080). QSL direct to IZ8EBI (www.qslman.eu). [TNX IZ8EBI]
- DL - Axel/DH8AK, Sebastian/DO6ELW, Dirk/DK4DJ and Henning/DK9LB will be active as homecall/p from Fehmarn Island (EU-128) on 14-21 March. They plan to operate SSB and PSK31 on 10-80 metres, plus 2m SSB. QSL via home calls, direct or by the bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]
- FOO - The TX5C team dropped anchor at Clipperton Atoll at 06.45 UTC on 5 March. They have decided to set up all the equipment before making the first QSO. According to the latest update on the DXpedition's website, dated 7 March, the operators expect to "be on the air most likely starting this evening" (local time, i.e. in the UTC morning of 8 March). Check out www.clipperton2008.com for pictures, personal journal entries from team members, up to date information and more. QSL via N7CQQ, direct or bureau. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW.
- FR/G - The expedition to the Glorioso Islands (AF-011), originally planned to take place in May 2005 and postponed twice, has not been cancelled. Jean-Michel, F6AJA, editor of Les Nouvelles DX, reports first hand information and says that "the crew has got the permission to land" and is currently working to arrange transportation for an early May trip. The expedition is likely to start between 5-9 May and remain active "for some weeks". The operators (F5PTM, F5IRO, F6KIN, F8CRS, F5PRU and possibly three others) will try to have three or four stations. Sponsors are being sought and can contact Didier, F5OGL. A nice collection of Glorioso QSL cards can be found on <http://lesnouvellesdx.fr> (click on Galerie de QSL).
- FJ - Patrick, F6CMH will be active as FJ/F6CMH from St. Barthelemy (NA-146) on 13-22 March. He plans to operate mainly SSB on 20 and 40 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX F5NQL]
- HH - Yannick, F6FYD (HH2FYD) will try to be active once again as HH2FYD/6 from Ile a Vache (NA-149) on 21-23 March, before leaving Haiti on the 26th. QSL via F6FYD. [TNX F5NQL]
- HH - Jan, K4QD and Don, AF4Z will be at the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission from 24 March to 4 April. They will operate as HH4/K4QD and HH4/AF4Z on 80-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY as time permits. They will also participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via home calls, direct, LoTW or bureau. [TNX K4QD]

- HR - The HQ8R expedition to Great Swan Island (NA-035) [425DXN 866] is confirmed to take place for a few days between 15 and 23 March. Participating operators include HR2DMR, HR2DX, HR2J, HR2MD, HR2PAC, HR7REA, HR9BFS, HR9OGS, K9IMM, NZ5N, W9GL and WQ7R. There will be up to six stations from 160 to 2 metres. Expect activity on SSB, CW, RTTY, EME and satellite. QSL via HR2RCH, direct or bureau. Complete details and information on how contribute to the expedition can be found at <http://www.hondurasdx.com>
- J8 - Babs, DL7AFS and Lot, DJ7ZG are currently active as J8/DL7AFS and J8/DJ7ZG from St. Vincent (NA-109) until 20 March. They operate RTTY, PSK and SSB on 80-6 metres. QSL via DL7AFS, direct or bureau. On-line logs are available at <http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/>
- JA - Look for JS6RRR/JS6 and JI3DST/JS6 to be active from Miyako-Jima (AS-079) on 18-24 March. Side trips to Ikema-jima and Kurima-jima are also being planned. QSL via bureau. [TNX JS6RRR]
- KL - KL50 is the special event callsign the Alaska DX Club will be using to celebrate Alaska's 50th anniversary of admission as the 49th state of the United States of America. QSL via AC7DX. [TNX AC7DX]
- OH0 - Look for OH0/PA0VHA (Hans), OH0/PA3BAG (Jack), OH0/PA2A (Steve), OH0/PA2AM (Wim), OH0/PA3ALK (Wil) and OH0/PB5A (Teun) to be active from the Aland Islands (EU-002) from 24 May to 6 June. They plan to operate SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31 on 160-6 metres with three stations and a special emphasis on 30, 17 and 12 metres. They will also participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via home calls, or direct to PA0VHA. The web site for the operation is at <http://www.pa2am.nl/> [TNX PA2AM]
- ON - The radio club OSA in Antwerp will be active as ON70REDSTAR for the rest of the year. This special callsign commemorates the Red Star Line, a ship company that operated between Belgium and North America from 1873 to 1934 (<http://www.redstarlinememorial.be/>). QSL via ON4OSA, direct or bureau. [TNX ON7SS]
- SP - Poland is divided into 16 provinces, 379 districts and 2478 municipalities. A newly born award programme, the PGA (Polskie Gminy Award), is issued for contacts made with stations operating from the various "gminy" (municipalities). Special event stations SN0PGA (QSL via SP9YJC) and SP0PGA (QSL via SP2FAP) will be active on 11 March-15 May and 15 March-15 April respectively. Further information at www.qrz.com/callsign/SP0PGA [TNX SP2FAP]
- SU - Mustapha, DL1BDF will be active from SU0ARA (the Egyptian Amateur Radio Assembly's club station) on 11-19 March. He is trying to get an authorization to operate on 80 metres, as this band is reserved to the military. [TNX F5NQL]
- T8 - Mat/JA1JQY (T88JY), Sasi/JA1KJW (T88KJ) and Kuni/JA8VE (T88VE) will be active from Palau (OC-009) on 16-19 April. They will have three transceivers and one small amplifier, with dipoles for 160-30 metres and beams for the other bands. Expect T88JY and T88KJ to operate CW, while T88VE will operate SSB and RTTY. QSL via home calls. [TNX JA1ELY]
- TA - The "TC Special Wireless Activity Team" (<http://tcswat.tripod.com/>) will be active as TC18M on 15-19 March to commemorate the 93rd anniversary of the naval battle of 18 March during the Dardanelles Campaign. They will operate mainly on 17, 20 and 40 metres SSB and CW from the University of Canakkale on the Asiatic side of the

Dardanelles, overlooking the straits where the battle took place back in 1915. QSL via TA1HZ. [TNX TA1HZ]

- TF - Alex (RA3MR), Artem (RD3MA), Dmitry (RA3MF), Helen (RV3ACA), Valery (RZ6AU) and Serge (UA1ANA) will be active as either TF/RK3MWL and TF/homecall from Iceland on 11-18 March. They plan to emphasize 30, 17 and 12 metres, as well as the low bands. They will participate in the Russian DX Contest (15-16 March) as TF4Y. QSL via RV3ACA. Complete information on the Russian DX Contest can be found at <http://www.rdxo.org/> [TNX RD3MA]
- TF - Al, LA9SN will be active around the usual IOTA frequencies from the Faroe Islands (EU-018) on 28 April, from the Westman Islands (EU-071, TF7) on 1-8 May and from the main island of Iceland (EU-021) on 9-13 May. He will operate CW and SSB from his car, using a vertical antenna and high power. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX LA9SN]
- TK - Dragan (9A2SX), Igor (9A3AXX), Hrle (9A6XX) and Marko (9A8MM) will be active as TK/homecall from Corsica (EU-014) on 13-17 March. They will participate in the Russian DX Contest as TK/9A8MM. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX 9A6XX]
- TK - Anne, OH2YL will be active as TK/OH2YL from Corsica on 16-22 March. She will operate SSB and CW on all bands. QSL via home call. [TNX OH2YL]
- V2 - Bob, W4OWY (V25WY) and Mark, W9OP (V25OP) will be active from Antigua (NA-100) on 11-17 March. They plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX VA3RJ]
- V6 - Mat/JA1JQY (V63JY), Sasi/JA1KJW (V63JQ) and Kuni/JA8VE (V63VE) will be active from Yap (OC-012), Micronesia on 9-15 April. They will have three transceivers and one small amplifier, with dipoles for 160-30 metres and beams for the other bands. Expect V63JQ (QSL via JA1KJW) and V63JY (QSL via JA1JQY) to operate CW, while V63VE (QSL via JF1OCQ) will operate SSB and RTTY. [TNX JA1ELY]
- VE - The Club Radio Amateur de Quebec (<http://www.crag.qc.ca>) has been granted permission to operate as VC2VQ on 1-30 April to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the foundation of Quebec City. QSL via bureau to VE2CQ. Also, all amateur radio operators in the Province of Quebec have been authorized to use special prefixes; Look for VA2 stations to use VG2, and VE2 stations to use VX2. [TNX VA3RJ and VA2RC]
- VE - Cezar, VE3LYC and Ken, G3OCA will be active as VE3LYC/VO2 and VO2/G3OCA from two most wanted IOTA groups this summer. Expect them to operate from Finger Hill Island (NA-194) and Paul Island (NA-205) between 30 July and 4 August. They intend to be QRV for three days from each island, with two stations on the air from 6 to 40 metres, CW and SSB. QSL via VE3LYC, direct or bureau (stations in the UK can confirm via G3OCA). [TNX VE3LYC]
- VK - Bill, VK4FW might be active late next week for four days from Fraser Island (OC-142). "I will be only barefoot so it will primarily be a CW operation when time permits", he says.
- VK - John, VK6HZ will operate holiday style (SSB, PSK, RTTY and possibly CW) as VK6ARI from Rottnest Island (OC-164) between 27 March and 3 April, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. He plans to emphasize 17 and 12 metres before and after the contest. Online logs will be available at <http://www.vk6hz.com>;

QSL via VK6NE. [TNX VK6HZ]

- VK9N - Masa, VK1ANU (JO2SLZ) will be active as VK9ANU from Norfolk Island (OC-005) from 19 March to 2 April. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres, with 100 watts into wire beams for the high bands and vertical antennas for the low bands. He will also participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via JO2SLZ. [TNX VK1ANU]
- VP2E - Franz, DL9GFB (VP2EFB) and Jan, DJ8NK (VP2ENK) will be active from Anguilla (NA-022) from 26 March to 6 April. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK on 160-10 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX DJ8NK]
- VP2M - After his 28-30 March V25V activity from Antigua [425DXN 877]. Nobby, G0VJG will go and operate (SSB only on the HF bands and 6 metres) as VP2MAD from Montserrat (NA-103) on 1-3 April. QSL direct to via G4DFI. [TNX NG3K]
- VP5 - Nigel, G3TXF will participate in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (BERU) as VQ5XF from Providenciales, Caicos Islands (NA-002). The contest runs on CW from 10 UTC on 8 March to 10 UTC on the 9th, and it is for QSOs between stations in the Commonwealth. QSL via home call.
- ZA - George, EC2ADN and Kepa, EA2DCF will be active as ZA/homecall from Albania on 15-22 March. They will operate mainly on 10, 20 and 40 meters, but they might give 17 and 30 metres a try. [TNX EC2ADN]
- ZD9 - Tom, KC0W (ZD7X) will depart St. Helena in April. His next DX location will be Tristan da Cunha (ZD9) and Tom plans to be very active from the island for 4-6 months. Further information is expected in due course.

PACIFIC TRIP: Rick, AI5P will be active from the Pacific between 15 March and 16 April as follows:

15-23 Mar	AI5P/KH2	Guam (OC-026)
24 Mar-5 Apr	V73PX	Kwajalein (OC-028), Marshall Islands
7-16 Apr	AI5P/KH0	Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086)

He might participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest from V73. QSL for all calls via AI5P. [TNX The Daily DX]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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4S7DXG ---> A copy of Ivan's licence, covering the period 1 January-1 May 2008, can be found at <http://i121171.blogspot.com/>. In late December [425DXN 869] the Radio Society of Sri Lanka's Secretary Victor Goonetilleke, 4S7VK reported that 4S7DXG (UR9IDX) was "operating without a valid licence". [TNX I1-21171]

DXCC NEWS ---> DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L reports that 3C7Y (Equatorial Guinea, 2007 operation) has been approved for DXCC credit. If you had cards rejected for this operation, please send a note to DXCC to be placed on the list for update.

TOP LISTS ---> The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now

available at <http://www.425dxn.org/awards/toplist/index.html>. Please note that from now on QSOs confirmed through LoTW or included in on-line logs are eligible for listing. Send send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW (i2eow@ari.it)

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards (more than 5200) on Les Nouvelles DX's web site has been updated. Twelve different galleries include cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (200+ QSLs), the 58 deleted DXCC entities (800+ QSLs), obsolete prefixes (2100+ QSLs), stations from Magrebh from 1945 to 1962 (200+ QSLs), Antarctic bases (650+ QSLs) & TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises, 230+ QSLs), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean (170 QSLs) & the Indian Ocean (90+ QSLs), pre-1945 countries (350 QSLs), French Departments (400+ QSLs) and USA, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC (80+ QSLs). Several cards are still needed and your participation is encouraged - please visit <http://LesNouvellesdx.fr> (NEW ADDRESS) and send send your comments to lesnouvellesdx@free.fr [TNX F6AJA]

QSL V51AS ---> Frank Steinhauser, V51AS has a new maildrop address: Am Rosenkothen 17, 40880 Ratingen, Germany. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

+ SILENT KEYS + Recently reported Silent Keys include:

Luigi Cascio, IT9HXI	Guy De Boeck, ON5UD
Terry R. Hackworth, K5HP	R. Z. Kabraji, VU2BK
Frank Wolk, N5FW	Bob Lindstaedt, W6PGK
Harvey D. Hetland, N6MM	Stephen G. Sevougian, W8HN

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0KM, 3C7Y, 3D2BV, 3DA0TM, 3DA0ZO, 3XD2Z, 3Y0E, 4L0A, 4L1UN, 4L4KA, 4L8A, 4M5RY, 4S7NE, 4U1WRC, 5L2MS, 6E4LM, 7X4AN, 8P9AG, 9A4SS, 9J2CA, 9J2VB, 9N7BV/p, 9X0VB, A25VB, A45WD, A45XR, A61Q/M, AL7R, AP2TN, BY1TX/4, C4M, C50C (AF-060), C52C, CE0Y, CE0Z, CE1/K7CA, CX5BW, D20VB, D44AC, DP1ANF, E4/OM2DX, E7/YU4EU, EA6UN, EA9/OL8R, EG3MED (EU-078), EP2MKO, ET3BN, ET3JA, EY7AF, FG5FR, FG5IM, FJ/G3TXF, FJ/OH2AM, FM5WD, FO/AC4LN, FS/EA5YH, GB5HQ, GD4PTV, H40MY (OC-178), H44V, H44V/p (OC-149), HB0/DL2OBO, HC2SA, HI3T, HK1X, HK4CZE, HK6K, HL8KSJ, HP3AK, HS0ZEE, J20VB, J69DS, J88DR, JA6WFM/HC5, JD1BCK, JW/IN3TCH, KC4AAA, KG4CC, KG4WV, KH6FI, KH6ZM, KP2/K3TEJ, KV4FZ, LU1ZA, LU2DVI, LX1KC, LX2007D, LX2007G, MD0CCE, MJ/F5CWU, NP4A, OE4A, OY1CT, PJ4/N4GG, PZ5RA, PZ5YV, R1ANF/p, RZ0AF, S79AB, SN3A, SP3J, SU8BHI, SV9CVY, T22V, T32Z, T77NM, T88FY, T93J, TA3D, TG9NX, TN9Z, TO5FJ, TR50R, TR8CR, TU5IJ, UA6AF/p (EU-185), UE1RFF/1 (EU-102), UK8FF, V73NS, V8AQM, V8FDM, VI9NI, VK9ANH, VK9WWI, VP2EDL, VP2MDG, VP5/AE6XY, VP5/W3AVO, VP5/W4OV, VP9/KG9N, VQ9JC, VQ9LA, XE2K, YB5AQB, YD0NWO, YI9QX, YI9X, YN2N, YN4SU, Z29KM, ZB2FK, ZD7X, ZF2PI, ZK1/AC4LN, ZK2AH, ZL7/DL2AH.

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